



# UNITED KINGDOM



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### Designated Authorities

#### Civil Aviation

Department for Transport  
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76 Marsham Street  
London. SW1P 4DR  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7944 8300 / 5999

Fax: 020-7944 9643

AFS: EGGCYAYX

#### Civil Aviation Authority

Civil Aviation Authority  
Headquarters CAA House  
45-49 Kingsway, London. WC2B 6TE  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7379 7311

AFS: EGGAYAYX

Safety Regulation Group, Aviation House  
Gatwick Airport South,  
West Sussex. RH6 0YR  
United Kingdom

Tel: 01293-567171

Fax: 01293-573999

AFS: EGGRYAYX

#### Civil Aviation Authority (Scottish Office)

7 Melville Terrace, Stirling. FK8 2ND

Tel: 01786-431410

Fax: 01786-448030

#### Meteorology

Civil Aviation Authority  
Meteorology Office  
Headquarters CAA House  
45-49 Kingsway  
London. WC2B 6TE  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7379 7311

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### **Customs and Excise**

HM Revenue and Customs  
CITEX Written Enquiries team  
Crownhill Court  
Tailyour Road  
Plymouth  
PL6 → 5BZ  
United Kingdom

Tel: 0845-010 9000

Email: [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

### **Immigration**

Home Office,  
Border & Immigration Agency  
Lunar House  
40 Wellesley Road  
Croydon. CR9 2BY  
United Kingdom

Tel: 0870-606 7766 (Central Telephone Enquiry Bureau)

Email: [indpublicenquiries@ind.homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:indpublicenquiries@ind.homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

### **Health**

Department of Health  
International Division  
Area 326, 3rd Floor  
135-155 Wellington House  
London. SE1 8UG  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7972 2000

Fax: 020-7210 4884/0

Email: [dhmail@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dhmail@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

### **Agricultural Quarantine**

Department for Environment  
Food and Rural Affairs  
Nobel House  
17 Smith Square  
London. SW1P 3JR  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7238 6000

Email: [helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland  
Dundonald House

Upper Newtonnards Road  
Belfast. BT4 3SB  
United Kingdom  
Tel: 028-9052 4999  
Fax: 028-9052 5546  
Email: [dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk](mailto:dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk)

### **Aircraft Accident Investigation**

Department of Transport  
Air Accidents Investigation Branch  
Berkshire Copse Road  
Aldershot, Hants. GU11 2HH  
United Kingdom

Tel: 01252-510300  
Tel: 01252-512299 (Accident Reports (H24))  
Fax: 01252-376999

AFS: EGGCYLYX  
Email: [enquiries@aaib.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@aaib.gov.uk)

### **En Route and Aerodrome/Heliport Charges**

To obtain the precise legal terms and conditions of use for any specific aerodrome, reference should be made to the appropriate authorities at that aerodrome.

Individual airport contact information may be located at the free online AIS website listed below

<http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/public/index.php.html>

### **Aeronautical Information Service (AIS)**

UK Aeronautical Information Service  
NATS Ltd.,  
Heathrow House  
Bath Road  
Hounslow, Middlesex, TW5 9AT  
United Kingdom

Email: [ais.supervisor@nats.co.uk](mailto:ais.supervisor@nats.co.uk) (General Enquiries)

Tel: 0500-354802  
020-8750 3777  
Fax: 020-8750 3771

AFS: EGGNYNYX  
Website: [www.ais.org.uk](http://www.ais.org.uk)

### **International NOTAM Offices**

UK NOTAM Office (NOF/INO)

Tel: 020-8750 3773/3774

Fax: 020-8750 3775

## **The United Kingdom Embassy to the United States**

British Embassy  
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20008

Telephone:

(1)(202) 588 6500 Embassy  
(1)(202) 588 7800 Consular  
(1)(202) 588 7830 British Council

<http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/>

## **United States Embassy to the United Kingdom**

U.S. Embassy London  
24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 1AE  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-7499-9000

Tel from the United States: 011-44-20-7499-9000 (24 hours)

Consular fax: 020-7495-5012

Consular fax from the United States: 011-44-20-7495-5012

<http://london.usembassy.gov/>

## **Flight Information**

The accuracy and currency of information contained in this guide is uncertain due to the difficulty in obtaining the information and the rapidly changing environment. Aviators should always check with a country's aviation authority or a local aviation handler to determine any specific aircraft airworthiness/equipment and crew/passenger entry requirements.

### **Airports of Entry**

The United Kingdom has approximately 100 AOE's. Please refer to the free on-line AIP, AD Section for a complete listing.

### **Entry/Exit Requirements**

Entry and exit requirements are for aircraft departing the United States non-stop to country of destination. These requirements do not include any technical stops. Please refer to **Overflight/Technical Stop** section in **Additional Flight Information** for the country at which the technical stop will be made.

Entry and Exit documentation forms vary from country to country. In general, however, ICAO member countries will accept the following standard ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit documents:

- General Declaration
- Passenger Manifest
- Cargo Manifest
- Embarkation/Disembarkation Card
- Certificate of Residual Disinsection

Examples of these documents can be found at [/FIM Home>General Information>International Flying Overview> ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit Documents](#). The acceptance of these ICAO documents must be confirmed by the appropriate AIS.

All aircraft have to report their expected arrival to the United Kingdom Border Authority at least 24 hours (12 hours if arriving from the Channel Islands) prior to arrival, by completing a General Aviation Report (GAR) form and emailing it to: [NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk). The GAR form is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/travel-customs/gar/gar-form.pdf>

### **Entry Requirements (Departing the U.S.)**

All aircraft have to report their expected arrival to the UK Border Agency (UKBA) at least 4 hours prior to arrival by completing a General Aviation Report and emailing it to: [NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk), and to a local UKBA Office if local reporting arrangements are in place. The airfield operator will be able to inform you if this is necessary. The email should be titled: 'GAR, airfield registration, name of airfield, postcode of airfield (if known)'.

The GAR form and instructions are available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/travellingtotheuk/beforetravel/general-aviation/>

File an **eAPIS** manifest outbound (recommend inbound at this time, too)

File and activate international flight plan

Land at an AOE

The following entry documents are required:

*Passengers* – (Oral declaration of goods in excess of Customs allowances)

- Valid passport
- **Visa** for some countries (not required for USA)
- Landing card

*Pilots* – Same as for Passengers

*Note:* Other pilot/crewmember requirements may be applicable in lieu of those stated. Contact appropriate AIS for further clarification prior to flight.

*Aircraft* – No specific documents listed for private aircraft (see Non-scheduled commercial flights)

### **Exit Requirements (Departing The United Kingdom)**

All aircraft must report their expected departure to the UKBA at least 24 hours (12 hours if flying to the Channel Islands) by completing a General Aviation Report (GAR) form and emailing it to: [NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk) or to a local UK. The GAR form is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/travel-customs/gar/gar-form.pdf>

- Depart from an AOE
- File **eAPIS** manifest if inbound to the U.S.
- File an international flight plan

- Call U.S. Customs at filed U.S. airport of entry

## Additional Flight Information

### Aircraft Instruments and Equipment

U.S. aircraft airworthiness and certification requirements may not meet other countries requirements. It is the responsibility of the pilot to determine if the aircraft meet those requirements.

The items listed below are for pilots' reference to determine if the aircraft meets minimum instrument and equipment requirements of the destination country. Additional equipment may be required to comply with the airspace navigation requirements.

- VHF radio with 8.33 kHz spacing for flight above FL195
- Mode S transponder (refer to online AIP General 1.5 for details)
- RNAV-5 (at least 1 GPS receiver)
- HF radio for flight in Shanwick Oceanic Control area
- VOR Receiver
- DME
- ADF
- ILS (where appropriate)

For additional guidance, ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at:

<http://store1.icao.int/>

### RVSM

[Domestic and International RVSM](#) guidance is provided on the IFIM Home Page. Click on the **Air Traffic** tab and select **Separation Standards** from the drop down list.

### Technical Stop/Overflight

Prior permission is not required for private flights requiring *overflight* or *technical* stops

Prior permission is not required for non-scheduled flights for *overflying* or making *non-traffic stops* in the United Kingdom.

### Non-Scheduled Commercial Flights

Non-scheduled commercial flight may not take on board or discharge passengers or goods in the United Kingdom, except with the prior permission of the Secretary of State for Transport (DfT),

The following documents are required:

- Certificate of Competency and/or Air Operator's Certificate and/or an Operating License
- Certificate of Airworthiness
- Certificate of Registration
- Certificate of liability insurance
- Dangerous Goods confirmation as set out in GEN 1.2. paragraph 3.8.7.2 of the U.K. AIP
- Air Travel Organizers' License (ATOL) as set out in GEN 1.2. para. 3.7 of the U.K. AIP

- A statement that flight crews Non Precision and Category 1 Aerodrome Operating Minima comply with Article 48(3) of the Air Navigation Order 2005.

(Note: The notified method for calculating UK minima is set out in the UK AIP Aerodrome (AD Volume 1)

### **Private Flights**

All aircraft must report their expected arrival and departure to the UKBA at least 24 hours (12 hours if flying to the Channel Islands) by completing a General Aviation Report (GAR) form and emailing it to: [NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NCU@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk) or to a local UK. The GAR form is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/travel-customs/gar/gar-form.pdf>

### **Float Planes**

The IFIM staff is not aware of any requirements concerning Float planes.

### **Light Sport aircraft (LSA)**

The IFIM staff is not aware of any requirements concerning Seaplanes

### **Fees**

Users should anticipate varying fees for landing, parking, storage, passenger services, security and noise related items. Contact the appropriate authority of the destination airport.

### **Fuel**

Avgas and Jet fuel are both generally available at all Airports of Entry. Check with the appropriate airport authority for confirmation.

### **Night VFR**

Night VFR is permitted and VFR rules apply except for the following visibility and distance from clouds:

The aircraft must not be flown at a height of less than 1000 ft above the highest obstacle within a distance of 5 NM unless it is necessary for the aircraft to do so in order to take off or land; unless the aircraft has been otherwise authorized by the competent authority in relation to the area over which the aircraft is flying; or unless the aircraft flies at an altitude not exceeding 3000 ft AMSL and remains clear of cloud and with the surface in sight.

### **Channel Islands**

Flying between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, The Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands requires landing and departing from and AOE.

### **Aeronautical Charts**

NATS Ltd, Heathrow House  
Bath Road



Hounslow, Middx, TW5 9AT  
United Kingdom

Tel: 020-8750 3792  
Fax: 020-8750 3771  
Email: [ais.supervisor@nats.co.uk](mailto:ais.supervisor@nats.co.uk)

## U.S. Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices

U.S. Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices may be found on the IFIM main page under General Information. Click [HERE](#) to open.

## Country Specific Travel Information

### Public Health Requirements

*Aircraft* – You may refer to the DOT website below for any current requirements

DOT: [Aircraft Disinsection Requirements](#)

*Passengers* – There are no published Public Health requirements in the U.K. AIP.

Please refer to the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization websites below for any current requirements.

CDC: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/united-kingdom.htm>

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/vaccinations.aspx>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/en/>

### Public Holidays (2013)

	<u>England/Wales</u>	<u>Scotland</u>	<u>Northern Ireland</u>
New Years Day	1 Jan	1 Jan	1 Jan
Bank Holiday		2 Jan	
Bank Holiday in lieu of 17 Mar			18 Mar
Good Friday	29 Mar	29 Mar	29 Mar
Easter Monday	1 Apr		1 Apr
Early May Bank Holiday	6 May	6 May	6 May
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May	27 May	27 May
Summer Bank Holiday		5 Aug	12 Jul
Summer Bank Holiday	26 Aug		26 Aug
Summer Bank Holiday in lieu of 30 Nov		2 Dec	
Christmas Day	25 Dec	25 Dec	25 Dec
Boxing Day	26 Dec	26 Dec	26 Dec

### Pets

The following is an official United Kingdom government website with information about pets entering the U.K.:

<https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad>

## **Additional Links**

Official US State Dept Fact Guide: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3846.htm>

Official UK Government Website: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/index.htm>

U.S. Dept of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1052.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1052.html)

British Foreign & Commonwealth Office: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/>

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/uk.html>

## **Aeronautical Information Publication AIP**

<http://www.ais.org.uk>